

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A safety device for a bosun's chair comprising:
a mast-attaching member ~~configured to movably~~ attached ~~attach the bosun's chair to a mast of a boat;~~
a brake for braking the mast-attaching member relative to the mast of the boat,
said brake being pivotally connected to said mast-attaching member; and
an activation member being pivotally connected to said mast-attaching member
and connected to said brake, said activation member connected to a cord connectable to
a bosun's chair;
means for at least one of raising and lowering the bosun's chair relative to the
mast of the boat, said means for at least one of raising and lowering the bosun's chair
being connected to an elevated portion of the boat and comprising a second cord
connectable to the bosun's chair to support the bosun's chair to allow the bosun's chair
to be at least one of raised and lowered; and
wherein said activation member ~~brake is configured~~ pivotal to cause said
brake to contact said mast to slow a descent of the bosun's chair~~[[,]]~~ in response to ~~[[a]]~~
said cord being connected to the bosun's chair and a force being placed on said
activation member by the bosun's chair in response to a failure of said second cord to
support a weight of said means for at least one of raising and lowering the bosun's chair,
said brake being separate from, and operating independently of, said means for at least
one of raising and lowering the bosun's chair.

2-4. **(Canceled)**

5 **(Previously Presented)** The device of claim 1 further comprising means for
attaching the bosun's chair to said mast-attaching member.

6. **(Canceled)**

7. **(Previously Presented)** The device of claim 1 wherein said brake comprises at least one friction pad.

8. **(Previously Presented)** The device of claim 1 further comprising means for maintaining said mast-attaching member at an oblique angle relative to the mast when said mast-attaching member is attached to the mast.

9. **(Previously Presented)** The device of claim 1 further comprising means for inhibiting a side of said mast-attaching member adjacent to said brake from rising above a position substantially orthogonal to the mast when said mast-attaching member is attached to the mast.

10. **(Previously Presented)** The device of claim 1 wherein said mast-attaching member is configured to conform to a shape of an outer surface of the mast.

11. **(Original)** The device of claim 10 wherein said mast-attaching member is openable to allow said member to substantially encircle the mast.

12. **(Previously Presented)** The device of claim 10 further comprising:
an activation member of said brake;
means for attaching said activation member to the bosun's chair; and
wherein said activation member is configured to cause said brake to brake said mast-attaching member, in response to a force being applied to said activation member.

13. **(Previously Presented)** The device of claim 12 wherein said activation member is configured to receive said force when said force results from a failure of said means for at least one of raising and lowering the bosun's chair.

14. **(Canceled)**

15. **(Previously Presented)** The device of claim 12 wherein said activation member is adapted to pivot downwardly when a force is placed on said activation member by said mast-attaching member and wherein said pivoting causes said brake to brake said mast-attaching

16-19. **(Canceled)**

20 **(Withdrawn)** A safety device for a bosun's chair comprising:
a mast-attaching member movably attachable to a mast;
a bosun's chair coupled to an activation member;
a brake adapted to brake the bosun's chair relative to the mast; and
said brake coupled to said activation member and said mast-attaching member,
said activation member pivotally connected to said mast-attaching member and
configured to cause said brake to contact the mast to slow a descent of said mast-
attaching member and said bosun's chair in response to a force being placed on said
activation member by said bosun's chair, said brake pivotally connected to said mast-
attaching member to allow movement of said mast-attaching member in response to a
lack of the force.

21. **(Withdrawn)** The device of claim 20 further comprising an angle-maintaining
member configured to maintain a first end of said mast-attaching member above a second end
of said mast-attaching member.

22. **(Withdrawn)** The device of claim 20 further comprising a cord connecting said
bosun's chair to said activation member.

23. **(Currently Amended)** A safety device for a bosun's chair comprising:
a mast-attaching member movably ~~attachable~~ attached to a mast;
an activation member connectable to a bosun's chair;
a brake configured to brake the bosun's chair relative to the mast; and
said brake coupled to said activation member and said mast-attaching member,
said activation member pivotally connected to said mast-attaching member and
configured to cause said brake to contact the mast to slow a descent of said mast-
attaching member and the bosun's chair in response to said activation member being
connected to the bosun's chair and a force being placed on said activation member by
the bosun's chair, said brake pivotally connected to said mast-attaching member to allow

24. **(Previously Presented)** The device of claim 23 further comprising an angle-maintaining member configured to maintain a first end of said mast-attaching member above a second end of said mast-attaching member.

25. **(Previously Presented)** The device of claim 23 further comprising a cord connecting said bosun's chair to said activation member.